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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph on page 73, beginning on line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

The Level D hardware upgrade makes use of a tuner 134 that is separate from the tuner 603 used by the set top terminal 220 for video display. The digital audio signal is received at the set top terminal 220 over the CATV transmission media. The set top terminal 220, in turn, routes the digital audio signal to the components of the Level D hardware upgrade. These components may include: a tuner 134, demodulator 434136, demultiplexor 138, decryptor 140, decompressor 142, remote control interface and microprocessor 132.

Replace the paragraph on page 74, beginning on line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

Using either remote control embodiment, the subscriber accesses the Level D hardware upgrade to select a digital audio program. The remote control sends an IR command signal to the Level D hardware upgrade, instructing the unit's microprocessor 602 132 to initiate the selection of a given program. The desired program is processed (i.e., tuned, demultiplexed, decrypted and decompressed) as described above and transmitted to the subscriber's stereo for listening.